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**Mock robbery** —The Granite City Police Department participated in a staged bank robbery as part of a training program for employees of the Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union. This "suspect" intimidates bank employees with a show of force. For story and more photos, see People, Page 1C.

SCOTT COUSINS / Press-Record

## Early voting preparations under way

By Steve Whitworth  
Telegraph staff writer

Citizens who want to vote in the March 17 primary election in Madison County must register by Feb. 17. "We want to make sure that the college students get registered," Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said. "If they're going to vote absentee ballots, they're going to have to register before they go back to school."

Von Nida's office has released a list of sites around the county where voters can register, including libraries, driver's license facilities and the offices of township and city clerks.

Students and others who plan to vote absentee ballots must be registered first. They either should go to the registration sites or call the County Clerk's Office, which also can mail applications for absentee ballots to

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their school addresses, providing they are registered first. The office also has an e-mail address: coeclerk@comcast.com. "They can send me an e-mail message, and I will send them an actual application through the mail," Von Nida said. "But they have to be registered first."

Parents who have children of voting age serving in the military also can contact Von Nida's office.

"If they let us know that their son or daughter is in the service and would like to vote, we can make arrangements for them through the military to vote by absentee ballot," he said.

Von Nida said such arrangements should be made as soon as possible in order to get ballots processed through

the military's postal services in time for the election.

Along with the Democratic and Republican primaries for various municipal, township, county, state and congressional offices, several communities have different public policy questions on the ballot, the county clerk said.

Madison County voters also will be asked to decide two countywide referendums March 17.

One is a \$6.5 million bond issue to build a combined nursing-shelter care home in Madison County. The other is a proposed 5-cent property tax increase for authorization to operate the home. A simple majority is needed for each measure to win approval.

The 5-cent increase would double the current 5-cent rate and add about \$10 a year to the property tax bill for

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## Miles gets 25 years

Judge rules crime not 'heinous'

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A Madison County judge has sentenced Paula Miles of Granite City to 25 years in prison for the 1995 murder of her husband, Paul Miles.

Miles, 38, was sentenced Tuesday by Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. Romani found her guilty of murder Oct. 20, 1997, after Miles waived her right to a jury trial and instead opted for a bench trial. The judge could have given Miles up to 60 years; or 90 to 100 years if he would have ruled the murder was a "heinous crime."

During Tuesday's hearing, Miles tried to paint a different picture about the murder.

"She tried basically to smear the victim and allege she was abused by him and he abused the family child," said State's Attorney Rich Rybak.

"She went to great lengths to cover it up," Rybak said. "In her statement to the judge, she suggested her 3-year-old (child) was responsible for the death."

Miles claimed she heard a noise the

"I think she lacks any remorse over what she did."

Rich Rybak  
State's attorney

morning of the murder and got up to investigate.

"(She said) her 3-year-old had the gun, which was preposterous," Rybak said.

This version of the murder was just the latest story Miles had told police and investigators about what happened Nov. 8, 1995. She initially gave police three conflicting stories.

A first, Miles said she returned from a trip to the grocery store and found her husband shot and lying on the floor and then 911. She told police there had been a burglary attempt.

Later, she changed her story and told police that after returning from the store, she found her husband

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## Police investigating shattered car windows

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Numerous Granite City Super Bowl fans and those pursuing other pleasures Sunday had their evening broken by suspects unknown who shattered the windows on 51 cars.

The vandal or vandals struck during the evening and all over the city, without following any apparent pattern or sticking to one neighborhood. "It looks like two (people), a driver and a passenger using a baseball bat or a metal pole," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department.

So far police have a lead which detectives as of Press-Record press time were following up on, but Pomeroy said police had no real guesses or ideas why the vandal or vandals struck.

The damages were not confined to one area, either, as damage sprees like these often are, Pomeroy said.

Cars were damaged at Benton and Cleveland near Wilson Park; and in East Granite, at Lincoln and East 24th Street and at St. John's Ceme-

"Everyone had their eyes glued to (the Super Bowl)."

Maj. Kip Pomeroy  
GCPD

tery on Nameoki Road.

"Just all over," Pomeroy said.

Damages to the cars are estimated between \$2,000 to \$3,000, figuring roughly \$200 to \$300 to replace each car window, he said.

Police believe all of the incidents are connected because of both the means that were used to shatter the windows and the timing involved.

The time the vandals struck could not have been better, because the majority of people were probably watching the Super Bowl.

"Everyone had their eyes glued to it," Pomeroy said, giving the vandal or vandals the perfect opportunity to strike.

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## Leaders set on promoting Metro East

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

The Metro East is one of the most exciting areas to live in, state and national leaders say, and they are doing everything they can to push it along.

State Reps. Steve Davis, D-Wood River, and Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, joined Rep. Jerry Costello, D-12th District, at the Granite City Rotary Club's monthly prayer breakfast Wednesday morning to update area leaders on what happened in 1997 and what to expect in the coming legislative year in Springfield and Washington, D.C.

Davis' 11th District runs from Granite City to Alton, and Holbrook's covers Granite City south to Belleville. Costello's congressional district covers much of the Metro East.

Davis and Holbrook talked about how action in the legislature has helped the area grow, what

disappointments they had last year and what people can expect from Springfield in the coming sessions. Costello, naturally, took a more regional and national perspective.

"I'VE LIVED HERE my entire life," Davis said. "And I've been saying for 30 years that the best kept secret in the entire St. Louis region is the East Side. We've got cheap land, we've got qualified help, and experienced workers, and, finally, I think the people on the other side of the river are getting it, and they're going to start taking a hard look at our area over here."

"I think we are well prepared to take on that challenge," he said. "It's not just government, it's not just business, it's partnership."

Davis referenced as signs of growth Granite City's annexation of the old Union Electric property on the north end of the city, and hinted at the possibility of Granite City moving further south around the Horseshoe Lake area.

"We're looking at major

expansion," Davis said. "And... I think the most important thing that came out of the legislature in the three years that I've been there is the creation of the enterprise zone off Route 111, where the Gateway Center is going."



Davis

"A 2,700-acre development that is going to effect everybody in Madison County, especially those of us in the Tri-Cities region. This thing has the potential for adding tens of thousands of jobs to our area," he said.

The enterprise zone was a major piece of legislation passed with the help of Davis, Holbrook, Rep. Ron Stephens and a bipartisan effort in Springfield.

"I was fortunate to be the chief sponsor (on 1997 legislation) ... and

one of them was the enterprise zone and the D... Corporation."



Holbrook

Holbrook said, "Steve and I worked on a project where we secured \$1.3 million from IDOT under a revolving loan program to extend the railroad spurs to the new businesses coming in to the Granite City Industrial Park," he said.

"THE STATE is preparing to work on Highway 3 from Sauget to Venice, Davis said. Also, the area will see approximately \$20 million worth of road construction going into the Gateway Center."

"We're looking to open up I-255 in October of this year up to Route 143 in Wood River," Davis said. "We're also seeing a \$60 million repair job on (Interstate) 270, which is a

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# OPINION

## SERVING YOU BETTER

Introducing a column meant to help local constituents

Do you often wonder what your elected officials are doing for you? Do you find that you only hear about issues after they have been passed into law? Are you interested in knowing more about the services and programs offered by the State of Illinois? It is my hope to answer those questions and many more through this monthly column.



Rep. Tom Holbrook

One of my goals with this column is to give you a better idea of what I do as a state representative. My primary job is to represent your interests in Springfield by making your voices heard on the issues that affect your daily lives. Another task I take very seriously is to address my constituents' concerns. In summation, when I am not voting on issues that affect the people of Illinois, I am trying to resolve the everyday problems of my constituents.

Another goal I have for this monthly column is to address some of the most significant issues facing the state of Illinois, especially those that directly impact the people of the Metro East. By doing so, I am hoping to prompt a direct response from you, the reader. With more input on these issues, I can more effectively pass legislation that will best serve your needs. Your interests are a top priority for me, and I hope this column will encourage your suggestions and ideas.

Another service I will try to provide through this column will be to make you aware of some of the programs and services available to you through the state. State organizations such as the Department of National Resources, the Department of Aging and the Department of Veterans' Affairs all offer services and programs for the public. It is my goal to let you know how and where you can take advantage of these beneficial state initiatives.

I will also highlight local initiatives in this column. I hold town meetings and open hours on a regular basis to keep myself informed of the local issues that concern you. When you get the notion that there ought to be a law, I want to know. Often times, when you are having a problem, other people are experiencing the same or similar inconvenience. As your lawmaker, I want to help resolve these concerns.

There are a lot of other items that I will highlight here as the months go on. My district brings in parts of both Madison and St. Clair County, and I enjoy being a part of this community. If I get the opportunity to highlight some of the great things that are going on here, whether it be economic development or a great volunteer effort, I plan to make note of it.

It is my goal to be accessible to you. I hope this column will be helpful to you, and if you ever have any questions or comments, please call me at my district offices at 394-2211 in St. Clair County or 451-0200 in Madison County. You can also e-mail me at [tholbrook@house.state.il.us](mailto:tholbrook@house.state.il.us).

## FARM GUY

### Agriculture no mystery to educated reader

This week, I thought we would talk about an industry that seems to be somewhat of a mystery to so many people: agriculture.

I find many of us know little about this subject. I attend many functions around the area each year, and I am constantly asked questions like, "What is the record attendance for a one-day barbecue?"

Well, I thought everybody knew that. Do you? Time's up! It was at the Iowa State fair—33,072 people consumed 20,130 pounds of pork in just five hours. There are many other interesting facts that you might need to know the next time you play trivial pursuit.

So here we go.

• President Harry Truman once said, "No man should be allowed to be president who does not understand hogs."

• Dairy cows can produce



David Schumacher

up to 125 pounds of saliva a day. (Not a dinner table topic.)

• Do you know when the milk bottle was invented? Let me tell you.

In 1884, the milk bottle was invented. It wasn't until 48 years later, in 1932, that plastic-coated paper cartons began appearing in the dairy case. Do you remember the last time you saw a milk bottle?

• How old is old when it comes to a milk cow?

The oldest cow ever reported was a Dremom named Big Bertha. She died 3 months short of her 49th birthday on New Year's Eve 1993. She also holds the record for the most calves at 39. What a cow!

• While we are on the topic of cows, what percentage of U.S. households have cheese in their refrigerators at all times—50, 75, or 90?

If you said 90 percent, you are right.

• What is your favorite type of cheese? Cheddar? Monterey Jack? Mozzarella? If cheddar is your favorite, you fall in the majority.

• Do you know what state is the leading producer of pumpkins?

Illinois is the leader. They grow enough pumpkins to make 16.6 million jack-o'-lanterns.

• While we are on Illinois, did you know Illinois farmers produce 17 percent of the nation's corn crop, and they produce enough soybeans to fill 115,000 railroad box cars—that would be 1,307 miles long and could stretch from Peoria to Boston.

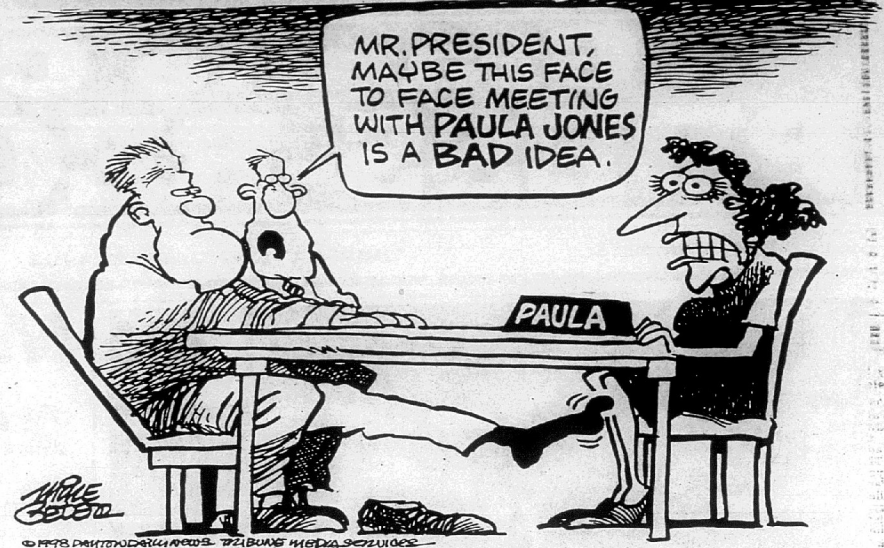
• Did you know that it takes 1,700 gallons of water to produce a day's food for one adult?

• Did you know that only 7 percent of the earth's surface is currently available for agriculture production?

• Pests destroy one-third of all the food crops planted globally.

• Did you know that in 1950, American farmers produced 50 bushels of corn per acre and today produce more than 127?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### State corruption

TO THE EDITOR:

When you read the endless headlines about corruption, taxpayer rip-offs and pay-to-play politics in state government, it's no wonder people are sick and tired of business as usual in Springfield.

The question is, how can we turn things around? How can we restore trust and faith in our government? How do we make our government work for the people and not for special interests? As U.S. attorney, I spent many years tracking down waste, fraud and taxpayer rip-offs and prosecuting the people behind

them. Based on that experience, I am proposing a plan for cleaning up state government and putting a stop to the corruption and rampant waste of taxpayer dollars.

I call it making government work for the people. It's a plan that sets forth specific goals and legislative initiatives designed to make government work for the families who work hard every day and play by the rules.

My plan contains a package of legislative proposals and new ideas for rooting out waste and corruption and restoring ethics of government.

These steps are a crucial beginning to restoring people's faith in government. But there is another part of my plan that is just as important. In a Jim Burns administration, we will have zero tolerance for corruption. Everyone will be required to abide by a strict and comprehensive code of ethics and standards—no exceptions.

I believe this ethic plan is the starting point where we begin to turn things around in Illinois. It will, I expect, face opposition by special interest lobbyists and politicians who would rather see things remain the same. But government should not just work for the chosen few but for all the people.

It's time we made government do the job it's supposed to do: improve our schools; make our neighborhoods safer from crime and drugs; bring new economic development and high-wage jobs to the state; and stop the waste, inefficiency and fraud that squander our hard-earned tax dollars.

We need someone in the governor's office who has the courage to stand up to business as usual and the independence to get the job done. That is my background. That is my record. That is exactly what I will do as governor.

JIM BURNS  
Candidate  
Governor of Illinois

### Veto must stand

TO THE EDITOR:

Certain members of the Illinois General Assembly are poised to launch an effort to override Gov. Jim Edgar's veto of HB 999, the private school tax credit bill. Their quest is totally misguided and probably unconstitutional.

Contrary to what some politicians are saying, HB 999 is not targeted to low-income families who want to change from public to private schools. If HB 999 becomes law, poor kids won't benefit. Rich and upper-middle-income kids will. A Chicago example shows that the average private school family makes \$41,549 a year, while the average public school family makes some \$22,080 per year.

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## VOICE BOX

Do you think the White House scandal will affect the president's ability to run the country?



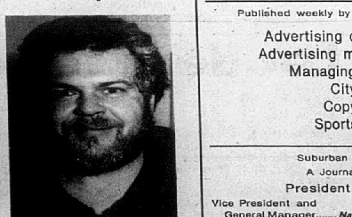
"No, because it has nothing to do with his presidency. The media may cause him problems though by constantly scrutinizing his every move."

**Doug Rinder, 19**  
Highland  
Construction worker



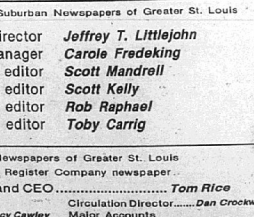
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**Chris Jennings, 19**  
Columbia  
Assistant manager  
Food Locker



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**Doug Hayward, 37**  
Edwardsville  
Environmental protection specialist



"No, because presidents have been doing the same thing for years. He just got caught."

**Mark Bracht, 39**  
Collinsville  
Auto parts sales

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## LOCAL NEWS



**Donated baskets** —Members of Local 98, support staff of Community District 9, gathered around over 150 Christmas baskets the group put together for the holiday season. The Local held barbecues throughout the year to support the drive; and students donated cans at the various schools. Teachers and staff also purchased gifts that are wrapped and given to the children when the baskets are delivered. The program started just a few years ago with a few baskets.

## Jury: Traffic deaths accidents

By Becky Vollmer  
Telegraph staff writer

The deaths of three people killed in separate car crashes — including a rural Edwardsville man and his granddaughter — were ruled accidental Jan. 22 by a Madison County coroner's jury.

The coroner's jury decided the deaths of 6-year-old Natasha Urkewich and her grandfather, Joseph Urkewich, who were killed in separate crashes a week apart, were accidental.

Natasha Urkewich, of Granite City, was killed Dec. 20 when the car she was riding in struck another vehicle on Horse-

shoe Lake Road near Highway 162.

Her mother, Karen Urkewich, was injured in the crash.

Natasha's grandfather died a week later — on the day her funeral was scheduled to be held — when he turned in front of

*"I can't help but think this fellow's mind was on his granddaughter and daughter and Christmas."*

Ralph Baahlmann Jr.  
Chief Investigator, Coroner's Office

another vehicle that struck his on Highway 159 outside Edwardsville. Joseph Urkewich, 55, lived in rural Edwardsville. Natasha's funeral was postponed, and funerals for both later were held on the same day.

"We may never know why this crash happened, but I can't help but think this fellow's mind was on his granddaughter and daughter and Christmas," said Ralph

Baahlmann Jr., chief investigator for the Madison County Coroner's Office.

"It was a double tragedy for this family," he said.

The jury also decided the death of Norma L. Schon, killed Jan. 2 in a fiery crash on Highway 111, was accidental.

A state police accident reconstruction specialist said Schon was killed when her 1992 GMC pickup truck slammed into the side of a tractor-trailer that had jackknifed on Hwy. 111.

Another vehicle then hit Schon's truck from behind, and a fire erupted.

The trooper said Schon had no time to stop before hitting the tractor-trailer. "There's not much you can do with an 80,000-pound truck coming sideways," said Trooper Ralph Timmins.

Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke said Schon, 69, of Moro, was killed before the fire began.

## News in Review

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

### Glik's acquires six stores

The Glik Co., a century-long feature of the Granite City area, is ringing in business in new markets.

Earlier this month Glik Stores acquired six retail stores from Dancers. Five of the new stores are in Michigan and one is in Indiana. The new stores raises Glik's total to 55 stores in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Glik's began in 1897, and now it's a "grow or die" situation in the retail business now, said Jeff Glik, president of the Glik Co. Company officials are going into the small towns and are putting in Glik's stores where they see the opportunity, he said.

The towns with the new stores are Rockford and Fremont, Mich., and Auburn, Ind., where the stores will open in March, and Allegan, Whitehall and Iona, Mich., where the stores will open in April. The five Michigan stores are within an hour of Grand Rapids.

### Madison wants home improvements

A proposal by Madison Mayor John Hamm to improve housing in the city could see results by the end of the summer, if approved by the City Council.

A housing development plan for the city was expected to be presented to the full council at Tuesday's meeting.

If approved, Hamm said he hoped to have the first home ready to be occupied by the end of the summer.

In a memo to aldermen, Hamm proposed using Madison County Community Development funds to construct a "spec" house on a vacant lot, then sell the house.

Hamm said Monday he is hoping to be able to place at least one new home in each of the city's four wards.

### School officials focus on youth

More emphasis on elementary and preschool education was the focus of meetings between local school officials, legislators and State School Superintendent Joe Spagnolo.

Spagnolo came down for a meeting on the local school officials to consider major problems with the Illinois State Board of Education's Academic Warning List.

Locally, attention has been aimed at students in the Madison, Venice, Lovjoy, East St. Louis and Cahokia school districts because of low scores in the Illinois Goal Assessment Program.

Madison Superintendent Gary Allison has been an extremely vocal critic of the watch list and IGAP scores, saying it is "destructive" and demoralizing. He said the biggest problem they face is that students entering the first grade are not ready to learn.

Granite City Superintendent Steve Balen agreed, saying in many cases the upper and middle class have fled to other cities, and because of that the testing was "fundamentally wrong." What is really being measured is poverty level, not the performance of the school, Balen said, and that a shift was needed in fundamental philosophy.

Spagnolo defended the test scores, but agreed that low test scores do not necessarily mean schools are not performing.

### Death may have been accidental

Lt. Donald Spaul of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said on Monday that investigators were wrapping up their inquiry into the Jan. 18 death of Jackie Carter, found strangled in her crib.

Spaul said Monday they were 90 percent sure that was the case, and there is nothing to indicate it is anything other than a "bad accident."

The child's death was the latest tragedy for the Carter family, who recently moved to State Park from Granite City.

### Miles

(Continued from Page 1A) Lying dead of a heart attack, then took the weapon and disposed of it in Horseshoe Lake.

She then said she was asleep in her bedroom, awoke to a noise and found her husband dead.

The Mileses were apparently in financial trouble. Paul Miles allegedly told friends he was planning to leave his wife on Nov. 8, the same day their house at 3232 Edgewood Drive in Granite City was set for foreclosure. The Madison County Sheriff and a mortgage company were to move them out of the house.

Their five foster children were put under the protection of the state. Rybak said some of the children have since been adopted.

Miles will serve her 25-year sentence without any chance of parole for good behavior, Rybak said.

He thinks she lacks any remorse over what she did, he said.

## BAC offers GED classes

Belleville Area College is offering free General Educational Development classes in February.

Granite City Head Start program site, 3100 Edison Ave. Class will meet from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from Feb. 3 to April 1. Register at 1 p.m. Feb. 3, in the Parent Meeting Room at the Head Start building.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road. Class will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays, from Feb. 17 to March 13. Register at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the Granite City Campus Cafeteria.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road. Class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Feb. 9 to April 8. Register at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9, in the ECC cafeteria. Call 255-2700, ext. 525, or (800) BAC-5131, ext. 525.

## Collinsville shelter almost closed

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

The Madison County Humane Society is wrapping up business at the Collinsville shelter. Executive Director Jill Wag-

enblast said that her group will be ready for the city's Feb. 3 reclamation of the property.

Next Monday will be our last day of operations, Wag-enblast said. "It's just a matter of working out some final arrangements."

To make the transition a little smoother, the Humane Society will hold an extra "Adopt a Pet" day this Saturday. Featuring only pets from the Collinsville shelter, the event will be from noon to 4 p.m. at PetSmart in O'Fallon.

"We've really been working hard to adopt these animals," Wag-enblast said. "We wanted to get that extra opportunity to find homes for as many as we could."

### MADISON COUNTY

Earlier this month the Collinsville City Council voted to resume operations at the shelter, 290 Simpson Place, starting Feb. 3. The city declined to give the Humane Society between \$25,000 to \$30,000 to offset its operational expenses at the site.

A part-time animal control officer has been upgraded to full time, and volunteers will be used to continue on-site adoptions. City Manager Thomas Christie said that an "impromptu meeting" with some of those volunteers was held last week.

Since the vote, the Collinsville shelter has accepted animals only from Collinsville residents, Wag-enblast said.

"Everyone else will have to go to the Humane Society shelter in Edwardsville," Wag-enblast said. "That doesn't mean that Collinsville resi-

dents can't come there, too. The Edwardsville shelter will continue to serve them."

The former Collinsville Humane Society had operated the shelter for several years. When it disbanded in 1996, it asked the county to take over.

That agreement has created some wrangling between the group and the city. The Collinsville group left everything it had to the Madison County group, but now there is some question as to just what everything entails.

"We are in negotiations with the city on division of property," Wag-enblast said. "There is some dispute as to what we each think belongs to us."

Neither Collinsville Police Chief Gerrit Gillespie, who oversees animal control, nor Animal Control Officer T.J. Pegues could be reached for comment.

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NEWS

# Referendums considered in March primary

By Steve Whitworth

Telegraph staff writer  
The March 17 primary election in Madison County will be about more than just choosing nominees for public offices from among candidates of the same party.

Voter turnout in primary elections almost always is lower than in general elections, in part because many candidates, especially incumbents, are run unopposed by any members of their own party. Also, voters without strong party affiliations may feel they have little reason to exert themselves until the decisive general election.

However, this year's primary also will ask voters to consider two countywide referendums. One is a \$6.5 million bond issue to build a combined nursing-shelter care home in Madison County. The other is a proposed 5-cent property tax increase for authorization to operate the home. A simple majority is needed for each measure to win approval.

Voters who want to cast their ballots on the referendums won't be required to

declare themselves as members of any political party. If they don't do so, however, they won't be allowed to vote in the Democratic, Republican or Reform Party primaries.

"It's not necessary to register as a member of a particular party," Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said. "But the primaries are for the nomination of a candidate within the party, so you need to declare a party to participate in the nomination process."

Citizens will have the option of voting a non-partisan ballot in order to vote on the referendums only, including both the countywide and local public policy questions.

When asked to declare a party by poll officials, those voters should simply say they want to vote only on the referendums.

Von Nida said he was considering having a different color of ballot for such voters. He said they likely would be allowed to use any of the partisan voting booths, simply turning their ballot book to the last page, where the referendums



Mark Von Nida

are listed, and punching their choice in.

"The polling places get extremely crowded, and to dedicate a booth just for non-partisan voters can create a backlog," Von Nida said. "It would make it cramped in there."

The referendum questions will be on all the ballots, including the partisan ballots.

However, if voters who don't declare parties try to vote for candidates with non-partisan ballots, their ballots will be invalidated.

Von Nida said he would retain the time-honored Madison County tradition of having pink ballots for the Democratic primary and blue for the Republicans. The Reform Party, founded by Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, also will have its own primary ballot, having received enough votes in the last election cycle to qualify.

The voting booths will be segregated by party. Voters should slip their ballot in the voting machine, turn the pages of the book listing the candidates and questions, and use the stylus to punch in their choices, choosing them by number.

The booklets are set up for either the Democratic or Republican parties. Von Nida said he was considering a different system for the Reform Party primary.

"I'm leaning toward the idea of using a portable Accu-Vote system for them rather than having separate booths set up because of the expense involved," he said.

General elections pose fewer logistical problems, he said, because each polling place

simply can set up seven voting booths, and any voter can use any booth.

"But in a primary, you have to earmark different booths for different things," Von Nida said. "We're leasing an extra 350 booths just for the primary. It's going to cost us about \$15,000."

The booths will be shipped to 224 different polling places around Madison County, all within a 72-hour period. The shipping costs are the biggest expense involved in the election, Von Nida said.

Earmarking booths for the Reform Party or the non-partisan voters could cause unnecessary delays for the vast majority of voters," he said. "It also creates an incredible extra expense."

"I'll be surprised if we get more than two or three people per precinct voting in the Reform Party primary. Their big deal will be in the general election."

Von Nida said the logistics of running the primary election are formidable, requiring him to anticipate and make the best estimates he can because taxpayers' money is at stake. However, it also is necessary to prepare for more voters than will actually turn out, just to make sure the polling places don't run out of ballots.

## Oil drum found in Mississippi

By Linda N. Weller  
Telegraph staff writer

Just one day after water surveyors discovered a minor oil slick in the Mississippi River, workers installing a water line near Chattanooga found a leaking oil drum floating in the river.

Paul Britt of Godfrey said that his work partner, Mark Eberlin of Jerseyville, discovered a 30-gallon oil drum about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday floating about six feet from the river bank near the Great River Road.

The two men used a log to pull the drum to shallow water along the shore. Britt said the drum was too heavy to carry, but the men were able to stand it upright to halt the leakage from the top.

"The drum had a cap on it but it wasn't sealed, they had put duct tape on it," Britt said. Britt said the drum itself had three layers of duct tape wrapped around the exterior and was leaking a "nasty" lubricating grease.

"We're avid duck hunters and this really tees us off. We just wanted it out," Britt said. The men, employees of GRP Company of East Alton, were installing a water line near the mouth of the Chattanooga Creek and the landmark light-house.

Scott Owens of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's emergency response unit in Springfield said the agency will send investigators to check on the leaking drum.

"These are pretty common," Owens said. "We will go out and sample it. If it is a hazardous substance we can subcontract out the work."

Officials had not determined the source of the oil.

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county residents living in a \$60,000 home.

The 20-year general obligation bonds could cost an additional 3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or \$6 a year, on the same \$60,000 home, depending on the exact interest rate at the time of the bond sale.

County officials have said that if the referendums fail, the county would have to close its aging shelter care and nursing homes, which are becoming too expensive to operate.

Voter registration has increased in the last few years, largely thanks to the motor voter law, which allows citizens to register to vote at such locations as driver's

license facilities.

"Motor voter has made it much easier than in the past to register to vote," Von Nida said. He said the county's voter registration has been fairly consistent at about 150,000 people.

"That's a pretty high level," Von Nida said, considering the most recent census figures indicate the county's population is about 250,000. He estimated about 80 percent of Madison County's eligible voters are registered.

"We're one of the bigger counties in the state, and we're an active county," he said.

Such civic organizations as the League of Women Voters help increase voter registration, he said, and the political parties also do their part.

"The party organizations are consistently out there beating the bushes to make sure that their followers are available to work and to vote," Von Nida said. "All those things combine to create a high level of participation."

Typically for a primary election, voter turnout in Madison County runs at about 50,000 to 55,000, he said.

"It's unclear to me just exactly how much interest there's going to be in the nursing home tax," he said. "We'll anticipate a much higher turnout than ever has been the case historically, just to attempt to prevent running short of ballots. That's the worst thing that could happen. You have to overestimate in all cases."

The courses are scheduled in the Maple Room of the University Center, beginning at 7

## SIUE offers career courses

Two continuing education courses relating to starting a business and making career choices will be sponsored at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville during the spring semester by the SIUE Alumni Association. The courses are:

• Career Choice and The Self-Assessment Process, Feb. 11 and March 4, facilitated by Leslie Lantow, career counselor.

The courses are scheduled in the Maple Room of the University Center, beginning at 7

p.m.

The first course is a seminar designed to answer questions about forms of ownership, record keeping, legal aspects and taxes. It will acquaint participants with the basic procedures for opening a business and developing a business plan, as well as financing.

The second course is a two-session workshop designed to help individuals develop a better understanding of their personality traits.

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## AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

### Belleville City in hiring freeze

With the approval of 14 Aldermen, a city-wide hiring freeze was implemented at the Jan. 20 City Council meeting.

City Treasurer Mike Lundy said that Mayor Mark Kern first brought up the freeze due to the city's tight budget. Lundy, along with Finance Director Nancy Boeckman and City Clerk Linda Fields, then decided to present the proposal to the Council.

Lundy said that one of the main reasons for the freeze was to avoid hiring anyone before the finalization of the 1998-1999 fiscal budget. The budget is now being reviewed by city officials and department heads.

### Council hires director

The City Council voted Jan. 20 to hire Mike Malloy from Muskogee, Okla., as the city's new director of planning and economic development. Malloy's main goal in his newly appointed position will be to attract and maintain commercial growth and development in the city. Malloy's salary will be \$72,000.

### Goal: fountain fund

The Veteran's Memorial Fountain's budget is almost gone and concerned citizens are now trying to establish a permanent fountain trust fund.

In August, a Veteran's Memorial Trust Fund Committee was formed to establish a permanent account for the fountain. Dwight Godsey, chairman of the committee, said the goal is to maintain \$100,000 in a trust fund and use the interest from the account toward the fountain's maintenance.

To help raise money, the committee is working to erect a Veteran's Memorial monument on the southeast quadrant of the square by the Meredith Home. For \$100, a veteran's name will be engraved in the granite.

### Cahokia

#### Way paved for auto parts store

Parts America is a step closer to being part of Cahokia's business hub on Camp Jackson Road.

The Cahokia Board of Trustees has approved an ordinance that rezoned 1604-1608 Camp Jackson Road from residential to commercial. In a letter, Planning Commission chairman Elva "Sis" Sopp states that William J. Boudoures of St. Louis is planning to build a Parts America on the site.

### School stirs curiosity

St. Patrick's School in Cahokia is holding its next public meeting about a charter school on Jan. 30.

proposal at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in Bethel United Church of Christ, 2200 Camp Jackson Road, Cahokia.

The Governor French Academy, a Belleville private school, is helping to set up the school.

### Parent to face 187 board

A Cahokia parent denied an opportunity to speak at the Jan. 12 Cahokia Unit School District 187 Board of Education meeting said he will ask to address the board at the Feb. 9 meeting. Shelton wanted to talk to the board about problems his daughter is having at Pennington School.

"I think there are plenty of things the board needs to know about that are day-to-day practices," Shelton said. "I think they have an obligation at an open meeting to at least hear me."

### East St. Louis

#### Senior facilities eye support group

The Living Independently Now Center and the Senior Activity Program of the Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizens Center in East St. Louis are forming a support group for adults with vision problems.

The organizations are looking for people with macular degeneration, diabetes, glaucoma and cataracts. Although anyone is welcome, the support group will encourage seniors from Alorton, Brooklyn, Centerville, East St. Louis and Washington Park.

The support group will focus on networking, learning about technology and financial benefits.

### Taxes, crime are forum topics

Norma Patterson's sister's home has been invaded three times in three months by a gang that "walks the street 24 hours a day," Patterson said.

"This is the kind of stuff we have to go through," she said. "It just makes you want to get up and move."

Patterson was one of about 60 people who attended Citizens for Community Concerns' first town meeting Monday night at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 771 Vogel Place, East St. Louis.

Residents also commented, sometimes caustically, on high taxes, inadequate education, the lack of local businesses, crumbling streets and whole blocks of decaying buildings and trash-strewn lots.

"This is one of the toughest urban centers in America to bring back," Mayor Gordon Bush said. "This is a tall, tall mountain to climb."

## SIUE continues leadership program

The Student Leadership Development Program modules are continuing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville during the spring semester.

The modules are conducted by university and community leaders.

SLDP modules are scheduled at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of SIUE's University Center, except as noted.

The SLDP has two components: leadership modules, which offer discussion with university faculty and officials and community leaders; and a university and community service component. Those who complete 60 hours of the program, with 30 hours of that toward community service, will receive an SLDP transcript for presentation to potential employers.

For more information about SLDP, call the SIUE Kimmel Leadership Center at 692-2686.

Feb. 3 — 2 p.m., Connie Turner, Florists' Insurance, "Effective Meetings"; 6:30 p.m., Campus Ministries, SIUE Religious Center, "Community Service: Opportunities and Responsibilities."

Feb. 10 — 2 p.m., Helen Graber, Metropolitan Association for Social Welfare, "Major

Influences in the Political Process"; 6:30 p.m., Zip Rzeppa, Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Service, "Effective Communication."

Feb. 17 — 2 p.m., Dennis Hostetler, SIUE, "Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know"; 6:30 p.m., Don Owens, Coro Midwestern Center, "Group Process."

Feb. 24 — 2 p.m., Joe Dunn, Illinois Coalition for Community Service, "Assess Your Service and Leadership Style"; 6:30 p.m., Susan Relfe, Preferred Health Care, "Developing Self-Esteem."

March 3 — 2 p.m., Sgt. Beverly Wayne Dixon, Illinois State Police District 9, "Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences"; 6:30 p.m., Brad Hewitt, SIUE Development and Public Affairs, "Leading Your Peers."

March 10 — 2 p.m., A.G. Monaco, director of SIUE Human Relations, "Human Relations"; 6:30 p.m., Tim Dorsey, The Dorsey Group, "Motivating Others."

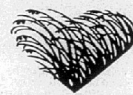
March 24 — 2 p.m., Liz Tarpey, assistant director of SIUE Human Relations, "Cross Cultural Awareness"; 6:30 p.m., Joel Elisea, BFI Waste Systems, "Understanding the Organizational Climate."

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## GCHS wrestling team closes in on 1,000th win

It won't be long now. Not long at all. An event unparalleled in American high school sports history is going to take place, likely either Tuesday, Feb. 10, or Wednesday, Feb. 11. That is not an exaggeration. It is bedrock fact.

On the night of the high school wrestling team regional finals, the Granite City Warriors should post their school's 1,000th all-time dual meet victory.

Unparalleled. When Centralia High School became the first school in the nation to reach the 1,000-victory mark in basketball on March 1, 1965, there were a few teams hot on their heels. Most noticeably, the Collinsville Kahoks, who shortly thereafter became the second team in America to capture victory No. 1,000.

The two schools are still first and second in the nation, still neck and neck in victories. If Centralia is the sun in the basketball solar system, then Collinsville is Mercury — the next object out.

But, in the wrestling solar system, if Granite City is the sun, the next object out is further removed than Pluto is from our sun. The next closest competitor — a school in Pennsylvania with a little more than 700 victories — is several light years away.

It is staggering just to contemplate. What may be equally staggering is that 839 of Granite City's current total of 984 wins have been rung up during the tenure of only two coaches.

William "Red" Schmitt was 586-69-5 in 38 years from 1951-1985. Current coach Mike Garland is 243-96-2 since 1985, leading into tonight's meet with Cahokia. Together, they are a phenomenal 829-105-7 and a major reason why the Warriors are on the verge of one of the greatest accomplishments in high school sports history.

The sports world will turn out for the event. "Red" Schmitt should be there. The St. Louis television stations have the date circled in red. ESPN is aware of the historical nature of the moment and should cover the event.

It's a wonderful thing for a sports fan when history is made.

It's even more wonderful when the making of that history occurs right in our backyard, when it's "us" making that history.

I don't know about you, but I want to be there when Granite City High School goes where no school has gone before.

See you at the match.

## Warriors coach Baker to make Billiken Hall

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

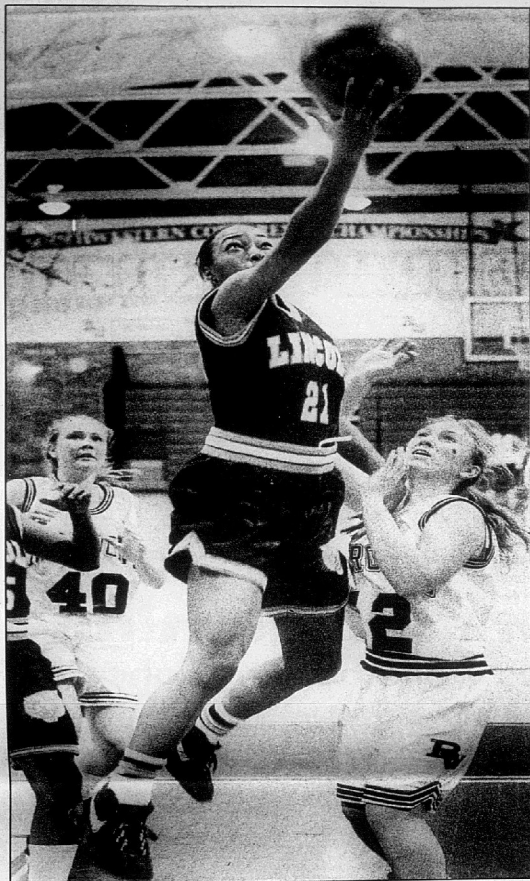
In 1976, Saint Louis University established the Billiken Hall of Fame to recognize outstanding achievements of former student-athletes, coaches and administrators.

In 1994, the university, under the guidance of the Billiken Club, revived the Hall of Fame with an induction ceremony and dinner. Since then, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner has become the premier celebration of athletic accomplishments at Saint Louis University.

During ceremonies at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis on Friday, Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker will be inducted into the Billiken Hall of Fame. Baker, along with seven other individuals and the 1972 soccer team, will also be recognized at half-time of the Billiken basketball game on Saturday.

Baker is being inducted under the category of "Distinguished Alum — Pioneer."

"This is a totally unanticipated honor," said Baker. "I am very proud of Saint Louis University and of the teams I played for there. I feel that the university has done much for me. It has helped me educationally and carry over those values into my classroom and into coaching. I am thrilled by the whole experience and I am looking forward to the evening."



East St. Louis Lincoln's LaKeisha Cole was one of five Tigerettes in double figures Tuesday.

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MARK BONEBRAKE

## Big challenge

Granite City's Jessica Wallace passes to a teammate during the Lady Warriors' loss last Friday night against Collinsville. Granite City (2-15, 1-6 in the Southwestern Conference) plays at Edwardsville (12-5 and 6-0 in the SWC) on Friday night.

## Lincoln splits with Lancers Tigers fall by four; Tigerettes show balance

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Josh Helbig scored 13 fourth quarter points, enabling the Belleville East Lancers to escape with a 59-55 win at East St. Louis Lincoln in a boys basketball game Tuesday night.

Helbig, who scored a game-high 23 points, hit four straight free throws to help the Lancers rally from a 52-50 deficit into a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the game.

But without some help from the Tigers, East might not have survived. Lincoln, which trailed 24-20 at the half and 37-35 entering the fourth quarter, caught the Lancers and took its two-point lead on a Terrence Slater slam dunk with 3:22 to play.

But the momentum abruptly shifted when Slater was whistled for a technical foul after hanging on the rim. Helbig swished both free throws to tie the score, and added two more just seconds later to put East ahead to stay.

"We gave them a basketball game," said Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis. "We had things the way we wanted them, and we just didn't execute down the stretch. The technical was the turning point. There was no reason for him to hang on the rim." The loss dropped Lincoln to 10-5 and wasted a superb effort by the Tigers' 1-2 punch of Slater (18 points) and sophomore Darius Miles (16).

Craig Brown banged in 11 more for the losers.

For the Lancers, Edric Russell was the only player besides Helbig in double digits, scoring 10 points. It was Russell's 3-pointer late in the third quarter that thwarted a Lincoln rally which had given the Tigers their first lead of the game.

"It wasn't pretty and we didn't play the smartest way in the world, but to come down into this gym, against this team and win, this is a big one for us," said Lancers coach Doug McCrary, whose team improved to 17-2 with the win.

The victory was a mild upset, since the host Tigers were ranked first in the Class AA poll. The Lancers were ranked 22nd.

Lincoln girls win

In the girls game played earlier, Lincoln took out some frustration on East with an overwhelming 87-58 rout of the Lancers.

### PREP BASKETBALL

The Tigerettes were coming off their first loss of the season last Friday, a 69-40 thrashing at the hands of top-ranked Chicago Marshall, and were ready to make somebody pay.

Enter Belleville East. Play was essentially even over the first eight minutes as Lincoln held a slim 16-15 lead. But the Tigerettes opened the second quarter with a 16-2 run that put the contest out of reach early. Lincoln led 45-27 at half-time and 65-41 after three quarters.

'Another 17 in a row would be just fine with me.'

Charles McDonald  
Lincoln coach

The victory improved the Tigerettes' record to 18-1 and, if Lincoln coach Charles McDonald has his way, marked the start of another Lincoln win streak. "Another 17 in a row would be just fine with me," he said.

If Lincoln continues to play as it did Tuesday night, it may be a while before the Tigerettes again taste defeat.

Lincoln's defense forced 31 turnovers while its offense placed five players in double figures for the night. Rita Adams led the charge with 21 points, followed by Syreeta Eckford with 17 points (15 in the first half). Kyesha Walker with 14, LaKeisha Cole with 12 and Lolita Eckford with 11.

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## Warriors-Tigers to be on WGN

The Southwestern Conference boys basketball game between the Granite City Warriors and the Edwardsville Tigers on Friday night will be broadcast live by WGN Radio (920 AM). Air time is 7:20 p.m. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Madison's Baker cooks up top offensive numbers Metro East leader in scoring displays a knack for steals, rebounds, 3-pointers

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Maurice Baker of Madison is among the leading scorers in high school basketball in the state of Illinois.

Baker, a 6-foot all-state guard for the Trojans, heads the Metro East scoring list with an average of 26.8 points per game, piling up 483 points in only 18 games.

Jon Harris of Edwardsville is a distant second hitting at a clip of 22.6 an outing.

Other Metro East players in the top 20 include Dupo's dynamic duo of Tim Wiechert (21.7 points per game) and Brian Grasse (20.5). Dwayne Wiley of Brooklyn Lovejoy (19.3), and Terrence Slater of East St. Lincoln (17.1).

Baker also leads the area in steals with 76 swipes in 18 contests for a game average of 4.2. Chris LaRose of Edwardsville is second with 51 steals (3.9).

Also among the leaders are Edwardsville's Mark Allaria (3.4), O'Fallon's Ralph Holmes (3.2), Belleville's Dave Deets (2.7), Cahokia's Aaron Blanks (2.3), Althoff's JoVan Fisher (2.2), Venice's LaRon Cole (2.2), Dupo's Wiechert (2.2) and Cahokia's Byron Gettis (2.1).

Baker is also averaging a trio of 3-pointers per game, second only to Scott Timmerman of Althoff, who is hitting treys at a pace of 3.1 an outing.

Wiley of Lovejoy (2.9), Jason Krost of Edwardsville Metro-East Lutheran (2.7) and Grasse of Dupo (2.3) are among Metro East leaders.

Lincoln's Darius Miles, a 6-7 sophomore forward, is far and away the area's shot-blocking leader, swatting away an average of 7.4 shots each game. Teammate Slater is also among the leaders, blocking an average of 1.4 shots per game.

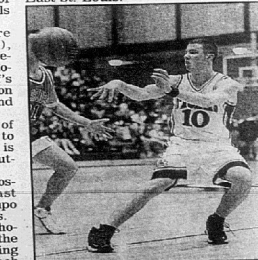
Wiechert blocks 2.7 shots each game. DeMarcus Brown and Gibault's Chris Braun block 2.3 a game, Fisher

and Red Bud's Shane Alberson block 1.6 a game and Chris Tindall of Granite City blocks 1.4 a game.

Edwardsville's Harris is the rebounding leader, hauling in an average of 14.3 per game, while Madison's Baker is also near the top, nabbing 9.2 boards an outing.

Other leaders include Wiechert (10.7) of Dupo, Tindall (7.8), Matt Pistorius (6.9) and Dustin Brewer (6.8) of Granite City, Miles (9.1) of Lincoln, Braun (8.2) of Gibault, Jamie Edwards (7.4) of Venice and Derek Cowan (6.8) of Edwardsville.

Ryan Holliday of Belleville East is tops at the free-throw line, dropping in charity tosses at a 906 clip. Other leaders: Nathan Fritsch (.867) of Triad and Deveris Johnson (.833) of East St. Louis.



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Edwardsville's Mark Allaria makes 3.4 steals per game for the Tigers, who play Granite City on Friday night.

# SPORTS



Granite City's Bobby Meszaros (right) chases down a Collinsville player in a recent game. Meszaros is the team's leading scorer with 18 points while the Warriors are in first place in their division.

## Shooting less but still winning Warriors try some new plays while beating Lancers

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The potent offensive attack of the Granite City Warriors, which had been averaging 30 shots on goal in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play, was limited to just half that by the Belleville East Lancers on Jan. 21.

But Granite City scored on 33 percent of their attempts, more than enough to ease by the Lancers 3-1 at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

The teams battled through a scoreless first period with East holding a 6-5 edge in shots on goal.

But the Warriors tallied a pair of quick scores in the second period to put East in a 2-0 hole.

At 8:50, Brett Sollberger scored off an assist from Jared Brown. Less than 90 seconds later, at 7:37, Greg Pritchard fed Dustin Wesley, who one-timed a quick shot past Lancers keeper Adam Thies.

East countered the 3:59 mark, cashing in on a power play opportunity when Derrick Bellmore took a pass from Jim Bedwell and beat Warriors goalie Robbie Slater.

East held a 16-11 advantage in shots on goal after two periods, but the Warriors held a 2-1 edge in goals scored.

The only goal of the third period went to Granite City when Bobby Meszaros sent the puck cross ice to Pritchard, who buried it in the right-hand corner of the net for a 3-1 Warriors advantage.

Granite City coach Paul Sollberger expected his team's shot total to be down against Belleville East as the Warriors were working on a series of new game plays.

### ICE HOCKEY

"We want our players to continue to learn and develop and to not stand pat game after game," said Sollberger. "For this game we initiated several new plays, which we knew might slow us down until the players mastered them. Our defense and goal-tending gives us the confidence to try different offensive plays and line combinations."

The Warriors are out-shooting opponents 29-18 per game on the year, and are outscoring foes by better than a 4-1 margin per game.

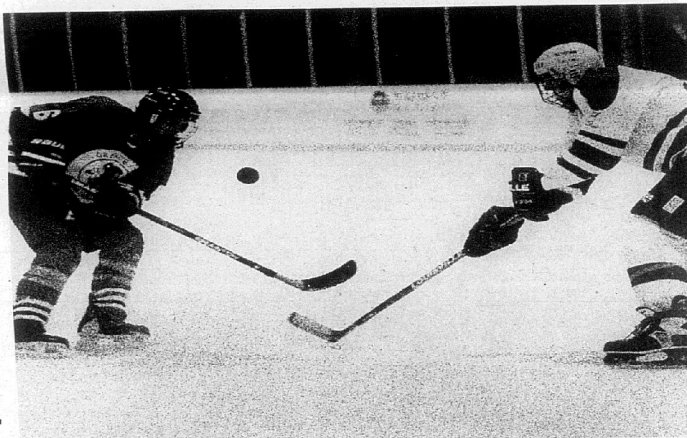
Meszaros (18 points), Vince Whittenburg (15) and Brown (10) are the leading point men on the squad.

Goalie Robbie Slater has allowed only 11 goals in 200 shot attempts for a .945 save percentage in 386 minutes.

Granite City, in first place in the MVCHA's Southern Conference with 15 points, faced second place Belleville West on Wednesday. The Warriors next see action at Cahokia on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

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Paul Sollberger  
Granite City coach



Granite City's John Stordahl (left) scraps for control of the puck with a Collinsville player in a recent game.

## •Basketball

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Cole, who was ice cold from the field against Marshall four nights earlier, was once more off her game, hitting just five of 24 field goal attempts on the night. But the Lincoln balance carried the day.

"We want a pretty balanced team," McDonald said. "We want everybody to make a contribution. If we have somebody that's off, and we just relied on that baller, we'd be in big trouble. But pretty much everybody makes a contribution for us."

Belleville East all-state center Jessica Jackson still was not in action. Jackson, who has been absent with a knee injury since Christmas, was cleared to begin practicing on Wednesday.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Belleville East 55,

East St. Louis Lincoln 55

East	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Josh Helbig	4	2	0	10
Eric Hunsan	2	0	1	5
Stetson Harrison	2	0	1	5
Wes Kennedy	2	0	1	5
Chris Smith	1	0	2	4
Perry Cox	1	0	2	4
Chris Grier	1	0	0	2
Tom Patterson	0	0	0	0
Ryan Holladay	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	6	13	59

Lincoln	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Terrence Slater	6	0	5	18
Charles Miles	5	0	0	10
Craig Brown	2	0	0	4
Kevin Gilmore	2	0	0	4
DeWayne Watson	2	1	0	5
Totals	21	1	5	41

Belleville East	12	12	13	22	59
Lincoln	8	12	15	20	55

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Belleville East 58,

East St. Louis Lincoln 87

East	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Leah Frasier	5	1	2	13
Edwards Harrison	2	0	1	5
Ellen Kneiser	2	0	1	5
Malissa Pressler	1	0	1	3
Amelia Jackson	1	0	1	3
Nicole Sartin	1	0	1	3
Juli Hwanchak	1	0	1	3
Totals	20	2	10	58

Lincoln	FG	3pt	FT	Pts
Rita Adams	5	1	2	13
Sydney Eckford	4	0	1	9
Kellie Kneiser	3	0	1	7
Lakisha Cole	2	0	0	4
Lakisha Eckford	2	0	0	4
Monica Powell	2	0	0	4
Lakisha Hunter	2	0	0	4
Mays Thomas	2	0	0	4
Totals	30	6	5	57

Belleville East	15	12	14	17	58
Lincoln	18	20	20	22	87

### STANDINGS

#### GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference

Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	6-0	11-0
Belleville East	7-2	11-3
Collinsville	6-3	11-11
Belleville West	4-0	5-13
Alton	2-4	7-9
Granite City	1-6	2-15
E. St. Louis	0-6	1-12

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	4-0	10-9
Jarvisville	4-1	12-3
Mascoutah	3-2	8-8
Civic Memorial	3-3	9-6
Triad	2-4	7-10
Waterloo	0-4	4-12

Cahokia

Team	Conf	Overall
Carlyle	6-0	19-2
Breeze C.	5-0	17-2
Freiburg	3-1	11-6
Wesland	3-2	5-11
Columbia	2-4	5-9
Lebanon	2-4	5-9
Red Bud	1-4	3-11
New Athens	0-6	1-12

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	4-1	16-4
Centralia	1-1	3-4
Cardinals	2-3	8-8
Cahokia	0-2	0-5

Great Overland Trails

Team	Conf	Overall
Westminster	2-3	7-3
NE Lutheran	1-0	6-3
Lutheran-SC	0-0	7-1
Siloam	0-0	3-4

Independents

Team	Overall
Lincoln	18-1
Madison	8-10

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## SPORTS

## Park District registrations underway

## PREP BOWLING

The Granite City Park District is accepting signups for boys and girls who want to play youth baseball, T-ball or ponytail softball in the Park District Summer Leagues.

The registration is open to boys and girls interested in playing in the 1998 summer park league, who are not presently on a team, or have never played in the Park District leagues. It is open to boys and girls ages 6 to 16.

Boys and girls T-ball is for ages 6-7; the baseball and softball programs are open to children ages 8-16. New teams will be formed from the list and returning team managers can fill out their rosters with players from the list.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

## Free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus free throw contest is scheduled for Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Gym, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the contest starts at 11:30 a.m. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 10 and 11. Winners advance to the next level of competition.

For information, contact Bob Palus at 451-8988.

## Elks Soccer Discourse

Coaches and soccer enthusiasts are invited to the Granite City Elks' Soccer Discourse '98, a symposium with proceeds being donated to Illinois Elks' Crippled Children.

The symposium is set for Thursday, Feb. 12, costs \$50 per participant and will be held at the Elks Lodge in Granite City. It is designed to benefit crippled children, interested coaches, soccer enthusiasts and the game itself. To register, make a check for \$50 (per person) payable to Granite City Elks Youth Athletics and mail to Gene Baker, 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, Mo. 63138.

The symposium schedule is

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as follows:  
8 a.m. — Registration.  
8:30-9:15 a.m. — MacMurry College: Bill Killen ("The When and Where of Wall Passing"); Joel Wallace ("Goalie Defense and Restarts").  
9:30-10:15 a.m. — Rockhurst College: Tony Tocco ("System of Play").  
10:30-11:15 a.m. — Indiana University: Mike Freitag ("A Hoosier Recruiter").  
11:15 a.m.-12 noon — DeSmet High School: Greg Vitello ("Team Discipline").  
12:45 p.m. — Saint Louis University: Bob Warming ("The Attacking Third").  
2:24 p.m. — Wright State University: Hilton Deyes ("The Striker").  
3:34 p.m. — Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville: Brian Korbmeyer ("Goalie Mechanics").  
4:50 p.m. — Hospitality.

## Spring flag football league

The Budweiser Flag Football League is starting its fifth season.

Applications are being taken for the 1998 spring session. Play will begin on the first of March and continue through the first of May. Cash prizes will be awarded. Space is limited and the league is forming fast. Entry deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, please call 277-9727.

Persons with prior football experience and who are interested in refereeing flag football may contact the Budweiser Flag Football League at 277-9727. Referees are needed for the spring and fall seasons in Belleville, Ill.

## Bombers tournament

The Belleville Bombers AAU basketball team will host a tournament for boys and girls teams in grades 5-8. The tournament will be held Feb. 6-8 at the Kelli Sportsplex in Belleville.

The entry fee is \$100. For information, contact Dennis Elbe at 277-6076 or Ken Mer-

tens at 397-0629.

## Fishing seminar

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department and Belleville Area College are sponsoring the sixth annual Spring Bass Fishing Seminar with Glenn Dalton, host of "Bass Fishing with Glenn Dalton." The seminar will be 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the BAC Theatre. Admission is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Pre-registration is encouraged due to limited seating capacity; your admission fee must be included with your registration.

Registration forms can be picked up at Belleville City Hall, Nichols Community Center, Belleville libraries, Belleville Sport Sales, The Boat Place, Hyvisky's Marine, Bass Hardware, Belleville Bowling and Sport Shop, Curt Smith Sporting Goods, Boeving's Barber Shop, Hubbard's Pro-Am Shop in O'Fallon, Rich's Rod & Reel Repair in New Athens or the Belleville Parks and Recreation office. For information, call Todd Strubhart at 233-1416.

## Cheerleading clinic

The O'Fallon High School cheerleaders will conduct a clinic on Saturday, Feb. 7, in the high school gym, 600 S. Smyth St.

The clinic is for girls in second grade through high school. Techniques taught will include dance, cheer, stunts and tumbling. The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with a group performance at 3 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person. On-site registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the clinic. For more information or to pre-register, call Tami Hudson at 632-3507.

## Tennis tournament

The Kings Point Birthday Junior Classic tennis tournament will be Feb. 6-8 at Kings Point Racquet Club, 7645 Magna Drive in Belleville.

The USTA-sanctioned tournament is for boys and girls in the 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups. The entry fee is \$20 with a deadline of noon on Feb. 5.

For information, call 277-7715.

## PARK DISTRICT

## Granite City Park District Standings

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IV Chance.....13-14

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Rookies.....5-2

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## SPORTS

# Elgin runs unbeaten streak to 18 games, rises to 7th

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The year was 1957. The Herrin Tigers, led by John Tidwell and Ivan Jefferson, eventually claimed the state basketball championship, bouncing a pair of unbeaten teams at the state finals in Champaign.

Top-ranked Collinsville (34-0) fell 45-42 in a memorable title game upset. But before that, the second-ranked Elgin Maroons (27-0) stumbled 66-60 in a quarterfinal shocker.

That was the last time the Maroons were 18-0. Until this year.

With Edwardsville's loss to Centralia in the semifinals of the Salem Invitational Tournament, Elgin remains the lone unbeaten team among Class AA squads in Illinois.

The Maroons inched upward one spot to seventh in this week's poll but could not crack the ranks of the elite six.

Chicago Young (14-1) regained its status as the unanimous number one pick on the strength of a solid 76-62 win against Chicago Westinghouse. All-American Quentin Richardson poured in 29 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Young faced 14th-ranked Chicago Farragut on Tuesday night.

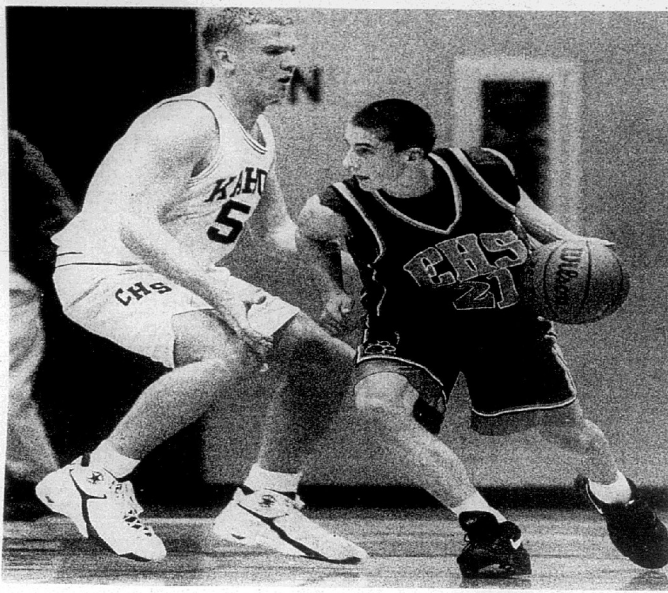
Peoria Manual (16-2) reclaimed second place after a week-long hiatus as Galesburg (17-2) fell 59-57 to Oak Park Fenwick. The win vaulted Fenwick (16-1) from sixth to fourth in the poll. The Friars continue to be more highly regarded nationally than within the state, ranked 12th in the most recent USA Today poll ahead of every Illinois team except Whitney Young.

Lincoln (14-2) and Rockford Boylan (17-1) each slipped a notch to fifth and sixth respectively to make room for Fenwick.

Mount Vernon (18-1) made the biggest leap upward, sealing three levels to 31th after crushing the field at the Salem Invitational. The team ranked last week, moved into the No. 14 slot.

Other ranked teams include 17-1 Moline (eighth), 15-2 Joliet Central (ninth), 13-2 Peoria Central (10th), 14-3 Quincy (12th), 13-3 Winnetka New Trier (13th), 14-4 Chicago King (15th), 14-1 Edwardsville and 18-2 Des Plaines Maine West (tied for 16th).

Among small schools, Nashville was impressive in sweeping to the title in its own tournament, but could not dislodge



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Edwardsville and Matt Turner (21) took a tumble to 16th in the state poll after falling to Centralia last week in tournament play.

Spring Valley Hall from the top spot in the Class A poll. In fact, the top six positions in the small school poll remained unchanged from last week. Hall (18-0) and Nashville (18-0) were followed by Farmington (17-0), Chicago Providence St. Mel (16-3), Chicago Leo (15-4) and Kewanee (17-3). St. Mel held to its No. 4 ranking despite dropping a 68-65 decision to Detroit (Mich.) Country Day.

Ashland A.C. Central (19-0) kept its perfect record intact and climbed two spaces to seventh. Quincy Notre Dame (16-3), which had been ahead of A.C. Central, lost to Normal University by a whopping 17

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points (62-45). Despite the win, University High (16-3) dropped from eighth to ninth.

Breese Mater Dei (15-5) moved from 11th to 10th despite losing the championship game of the Nashville Invitational Tournament and previously unranked Hillsboro (18-1) nabbed the 14th spot despite falling to Nokomis in the championship game of the Litchfield Tournament.

Marengo (15-2) was 11th, followed by Burlington Central (17-1), Rock Island Alleman (11-6), newcomer Rock Falls

(14-5) and Harrisburg (14-3). Alleman fell three places following a narrow loss to Class AA power Moline (45-42) and a big (76-56) loss to Rock Falls.

## THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL

Compiled by Patrick C. Heston

1985 — Randy Buss of Shannon grabbed 34 rebounds in a boys basketball game against Dakota.

1993 — Sycamore's Andy Thomas attempted 29 3-pointers in a game against Geneva. Thomas hit a state record 16 treys in the contest.

1903 — Chicago South and Hammond (Ind.) played to a 1-1 tie in a girls basketball game.

1976 — Riverton defeated Ashland 101-06 in a boys basketball game that took five overtimes to decide.

1988 — Joe Leighty of Hutsonville hit five 3-pointers in one quarter against Casey Westfield. The state record is six 3's in one quarter.

1989 — Jeanie Jamys of Effingham attempted a state record 46 field goals in a game against Salem.

1969 — Jeff Dawson of Downers Grove North made 23 free throws in a boys basketball game against Hillside Proviso West.

1978 — In a boys basketball game against Evanston Roycemore, Chicago Cathedral's John Battle scored a state record 91 points, hitting 45 of 62 shots from the field, and one of three free throws. The 45 field goals is a state record. Battle scored a state record 36 points in one quarter (the second) and a record 56 points in one half (first). Three nights earlier, Battle had scored 85 points against Chicago St. Mary of Perpetual Help.

1990 — In a girls basketball game, Chicago Young annihilated Chicago-Orr 177-16. The 161-point margin of victory is a state record.

1992 — Sement's Ryan Schiener was a perfect 7-for-7 from beyond the 3-point arc in a boys basketball game against Cerro Gordo.

1930 — Casey lost to Terre Haute (Ind.) Tech 20-18 in a boys basketball game that went seven overtimes. The Illinois state record for overtimes in one game is nine.

1964 — Gurnee Warren and Lake Zurich combined for a state-record 78 fouls in a boys basketball game. Gurnee Warren was whistled for 42 fouls; Lake Zurich for 36.

1983 — Marty Simmons of Lawrenceville scored 62 points in a boys basketball game against Bridgeport Red Hill, outscoring the entire Saluki team. The Indians won the contest 116-58, their 54th win in succession.

1984 — Stacie Calhoun of Fithian Oakwood scored 72 points in a girls basketball game against Potomac. Calhoun, who scored 32 points in the first quarter, hit 35 of 38 field goal attempts.

1989 — Waltonville and Elkhartville Elverado combined to make 61 free throws in a boys basketball game. Waltonville hit 36; Elverado 25.

1990 — Crystal Lake Central and Woodstock combined to score 80 fourth quarter points in a boys basketball game. Central scored 43; Woodstock 37. The state record is 81 points in one quarter by two teams.

1985 — The Des Plaines Maine West girls basketball team won its 62nd straight game (in a state record streak that would reach 65), beating Skokie Niles West 77-59.

1956 — Litchfield made 27 free throws in a boys basketball game against Vandalia. The figure is the third highest total in state history.

1977 — The Jacksonville girls basketball team defeated Carlinville 112-10.

1979 — Centralia's Tony Worlds dished out 22 assists in a boys basketball game against Salem.

1995 — Chicago Fenger shut out Chicago Englewood 106-0 in a boys basketball game. The 106-point margin of victory is a state record for a shut out.

1930 — Rushville beat Catlin 50-0 in a boys basketball game.

1972 — Brooklyn Lovejoy wasted Witt 150-39 in a boys basketball game. Lovejoy's 52 points in the fourth quarter and 90 points in the second half are both state records.

1976 — In a boys basketball game against Villa Park Willowbrook, Brad Walker of Lombard Glenbard East set a state record by hitting an 89-foot field goal attempt.

1988 — Mandy Cunningham of Bridgeport Red Hill scored 73 points in a girls basketball game against Robinson. Cunningham's 73 points and 10 3-pointers are both the second-best totals in girls state history.

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## STATE POLLS

Here are the top 16 teams in the state-wide Illinois high school boys basketball polls as selected by an Associated Press panel of sports-writers and broadcasters, with first-place votes in parentheses, results through Sunday and total points (based on 16 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 16th place vote):

Class AA		
Team	Rec.	Pts.
1. Chicago W. Young (19)	14-1	304
2. Peoria Manual	16-2	266
3. Galesburg	17-2	251
4. Oak Park Fenwick	16-1	241
5. Lincoln	14-2	229
6. Rockford Boylan	17-1	196
7. Elgin	19-0	188
8. Moline	17-1	180
9. Joliet Central	15-2	128
10. Peoria Central	13-2	112
11. Mount Vernon	18-1	77
12. Quincy	14-3	71
13. Winnetka New Trier	15-2	63
14. Chicago Farragut	13-3	61
15. Chicago King	14-4	59
16. (tie) D.P. Maine West	18-2	47
16. (tie) Edwardsville	14-1	47

Others receiving votes, in order: Centralia, Oak Lawn Richards, Country Club Hills Hillcrest, Zion-Benton, East St. Louis Lincoln, Belleville East.

Class A

Team	Rec.	Pts.
1. Spring Valley Hall (20)	18-0	365
2. Nashville (5)	19-0	348
3. Farmington	17-0	309
4. Chicago Prov. St. Mel	16-3	257
5. Chicago Leo	15-1	249
6. Kewanee	17-3	236
7. Ashland A.C. Central	19-0	223
8. Normal University	15-1	217
9. Quincy Notre Dame	16-3	216
10. Breese Mater Dei	15-5	122
11. Marengo	15-2	122
12. Burlington Central	17-1	115
13. Rock Island Alleman	11-6	88
14. Hillsboro	14-3	84
15. Rock Falls	18-1	55
16. Harrisburg	14-3	27

Others receiving votes, in order: Fairbury Prairie Central, Pittsfield, Chicago St. Francis, Waterloo Gibault, Pana, Minooka Fieldcrest, Nokomis, Galva.

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# News

## OBITUARIES

**Ella Luther**  
**ELLA M. (HAND) LUTHER**, 98, of Granite City died at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born July 12, 1899, in Litchfield, and was a lifelong resident of Granite City.  
 A homemaker, Mrs. Luther was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Johnson of Granite City; four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Luther, her parents, Luther and Lillie Hand, five sisters and four brothers.  
 Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 28, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Lindbergh, where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, the Rev. Bill Davison officiating.  
 Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**Robert Marshall**  
**ROBERT W. MARSHALL**, 36, of Long Beach, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 1998, at Long Beach (Calif.) Community Hospital. Born May 30, 1961, in St. Louis, Mr. Marshall lived in Granite City for 15 years.  
 Mr. Marshall had been disabled for three years.  
 Survivors include his mother, Edna Marshall, and his father, Chester Marshall, both of Pontoon Beach; a son, Lee William Marshall of Chicago; a sister, Christine

Walsh of Moberly, Mo.; and three brothers, Sam Marshall and Kenneth Marshall, both of Granite City, and Vernon Marshall of Tehachapi, Calif.

A memorial service will be at noon Sunday at his mother's home, 4225 Highway 62, Granite City. Burial was in Rocky Ridge, Mo.

**Wilma Wagner**  
**WILMA C. (LOUDEN) WAGNER**, 66, of Granite City died at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. She was born July 30, 1911, in Brownsburg, Ind., and was a lifelong resident of Granite City.  
 A homemaker, Mrs. Wagner was a member of the Pontoon Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, John Wagner of Mission Hills, Calif.; two daughters, Shirley Jones of Granite City and Mary Starling of St. Louis.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Wagner; her parents, Samuel and Mary (Stierker) Loudon; a brother, Lyman Loudon; and two sisters, Arla Wandrup and Edith Franklin.

**Thelma Grisham**  
**THELMA J. "TIPPY" (AUSTIN) GRISHAM**, 88, of Granite City, died at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Born in Maynard, Ark., to Julian and Sarah (Barnes) Austin, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City. She was a member of the J.P. Tau Omega Sorority and the Junior Service Club. She owned the Unique Gift Shop in Granite City for 20 years until she retired.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Grisham of Granite City; and one sister-in-law, Esther Austin, of Maynard, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a step-father, Williams Barnes; and a brother, Pelham Austin.  
 Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 28, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

**Leonard Pace**  
**LEONARD C. "BUTCH" PACE**, 55, of Granite City died at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, at St. Louis University Hospital.  
 Born Jan. 31, 1942, in Alton to Jesse and Helen (Anfieri) Pace, a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville, he owned Pace Cycle in Edwardsville for many years before owning 270 Auction Company in Granite City until his death.  
 He was preceded in death by his mother, now living in Edwardsville; one son, Christopher Pace of St. Charles, Mo.; two daughters, Susan McLean

of Edwardsville and Shari Pinkas of Hamlet; five grandchildren; David Pace, Christi Holmes, D.J. McLean, Jessi East and Shelli East; one brother, Alfred Pace of Edwardsville; one sister, Ruth Pine of Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Ralph Pace.  
 Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Jan. 28, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main in Edwardsville. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. Boniface Catholic in Edwardsville. Interment will follow at St. Boniface Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

**James Abbott**  
**JAMES C. ABBOTT**, 53, of Granite City died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born April 17, 1944 in Alton.

Mr. Abbott was a disabled U.S. Army veteran and member of the Baptist faith.  
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra (Vandiver) Abbott; his father, Earl Abbott; and two sons, John Dewell and Bryan Xavier.

Surviving are one son, James C. Abbott Jr.; one daughter, Stephanie Ryan; two brothers, Charles Leo Abbott and Carl Ray Abbott; and three sisters, Risenchover, all of Ravenden, Ark.  
 Services were Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, in St. Louis.

**Ida Mae Kilmer**  
**IDA MAE KILMER**, 84, of Granite City died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Feb. 1, 1913 in Sikeston, Mo.

Mrs. Kilmer was a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Baptist Church in Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Lenn Kilmer, who died April 15, 1986, and her parents, Logan W. and Martha Jane (Adams) Wallace.

Surviving are her one son, Dennis Kilmer; one daughter, Lorraine Moore of Springfield, Mo.; and one sister, Leona Harper of Michigan; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday, Jan. 29 at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Fred Badright officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Funeral Church or Carmel Children's Home.

**Mary Wondra**  
**MARY A. (SAZAMA) WONDRA**, 82, of Granite City died at 12:53 p.m. Jan. 26, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Born Jan. 17, 1916, in East St. Louis, she lived for the last 50 years in Granite City. She retired after 10 years in the tax assessor's office. Mrs. Wondra was a member of Grace Baptist Church and very active in the Democratic Party.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Wondra; two daughters, Carol Gwyn of Spring, Mo., and Marilyn Griffith of Granite City; and one brother, Joseph Sazama of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Eva (Sehler) Sazama.  
 Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Warner Chapel. Burial was to be in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

**Carl Newsome**  
**CARL WAYNE NEWSOME**, 62, of Madison died Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was a native of Collinsville.

Survivors include six sisters, Olympia Wilson of Omaha, Neb.; Juanita Moore and Wilma Jean Dandridge, both of Venice, La.; Washum of Springfield, Mo.; Marjorie Moore of Pinebluff, Mo.; and Alma Many of St. Louis. Three brothers, John Newsome of Venice, James Newsome of St. Louis, and Edward Newsome of East St. Louis.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the New Salem Baptist Church, 1349 Klein Avenue in Venice with Elder Eugene Cox officiating.  
 Burial was in the St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.  
 Official Funeral Home: Metro East Chapel made the arrangements.

**Danny R. Tucker**  
**DANNY R. TUCKER**, 49, of Bouillonville died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1998. He was born March 10, 1949, in Bear Springs.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 24, at Schreier Funeral Home with the Rev. Pat Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Moose Cemetery in Bear Springs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the Les Turner Foundation.

**Elizabeth Wischnik**  
**ELIZABETH "BETTY" JOAN WISCHNIK** (Wilson), 65, of Collinsville died Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at her residence, 3840 S. 21st St., in Collinsville.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ in Collinsville with the Rev. Donald Sabbert officiating. Mrs. Wischnik donated her body to St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

## FUNERAL SUMMARY

**Carl Allen**  
**CARL ALLEN**, 74, of Edwardsville died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998 at Edwardsville Care East in Edwardsville.

Services were Friday, Jan. 23 at Laughlin Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Epps officiating. Burial was in Friedens Cemetery in Troy.

Memorials may be made to the family.

**Joseph A. Arico**  
**JOSEPH A. ARICO**, 46, of Granite City died Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born April 26, 1951, in Staunton.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Norman Fanton officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Robert Brierer**  
**ROBERT GEORGE BIERER**, 81, of Fort Pierce, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998. He was born in Pratt City, Ala.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 24, at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

at the Halley-Hobbs Funeral Home in St. Charles, Mo.  
 Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Lucie County Unit, 1695 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, Fla. 34997.

**Ethel Burton**  
**ETHEL BURTON**, 77, of Granite City and formerly of Fairview Heights, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998, at Edwardsville Care Center in Edwardsville. She was born Aug. 18, 1920, in East St. Louis.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 24, at Kasky Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with the Rev. David Wiley officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Loraine M. Daniels**  
**LORAINE M. DANIELS**, 52, of Glen Carbon died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Jan. 21, 1916 in Madison.

At Mr. Daniels' request, his body was donated for medical research to St. Louis University Medical Center.

Memorials may be made to Mass-

es and they are preferred at St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was a member.

**Melba Elgan**  
**MELBA S. ELGAN**, 85, of Granite City died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998 at her residence. She was born June 18, 1912.

Mrs. Elgan was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Elgan; her parents, William and Kathryn Walters; and daughter, Virginia Gitchner.

Surviving are one step-son, Eugene Elgan of St. Louis; and one daughter, Virginia Gitchner.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Alan Reiter officiating. Burial is in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Bobby L. Haynes**  
**BOBBY L. HAYNES**, 46, of Collinsville died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998 at St. Louis University Medical Center in St. Louis. He was born Dec. 9, 1951 in St. Louis.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 24 at Her Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Fred Winters officiating. Burial is in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Maryville.

**Ruby Hocking**  
**RUBY R. HOCKING**, 84, of Granite City died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Feb. 19, 1913 in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Peggy Wood officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Shrine of the Holy Child, or the Animal Protective Association.

**Dorothy McCulla**  
**DOROTHY (NINNE) FECHT MCCULLA**, 86, died at 8:23 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998. She was born Oct. 10, 1911, in Granite City.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 24, at Concordia Lutheran Church with the Rev. Fred Winters officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

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## Stassi resigns Wood River Council seat

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
 Telegraph staff writer

Now that former City Councilman Tony Stassi has resigned officially while sitting in jail on sexual assault charges, the council is looking forward to appointing a new member.

"We have had a loose end here for some time," Mayor Don Smith said Monday. "This will give us a chance to tie that off."

Smith said he may appoint a new council member to finish Stassi's unexpired term as soon as Feb. 15. He declined to discuss possible nominees.

Stassi effectively resigned Friday afternoon in a letter written by his attorney, Ron Allen, and faxed to City Hall. The letter states that Stassi no longer will fight to retain his council seat.

Stassi had resigned last July 21 as part of a deal involving a \$2,000 payoff from the city, but he withdrew his resignation after the deal was questioned in court.

Allen said the reason for the resignation last week is that the former councilman is running low on funds to pay for legal defense. Stassi didn't want to spend any more money on civil lawsuits when he is facing criminal charges, Allen said.

"It was getting to the point where we were going to stop spending a lot of money on filing briefs," Allen said.

In addition, Stassi reacted to the news early last week that the city no longer wanted the city to defend the Stassi payoff, either.

According to the letter, Stassi feels betrayed by some of his fellow council members. He cannot understand the positions of some of the representatives of the city," Allen said about his client. "He cannot understand why the city will

not admit publicly that this so-called deal was initiated by the city."

Councilman Matt Stimac publicly defended the deal struck to pay off Stassi for his resignation. He said Monday he was relieved Stassi decided to end debate over the matter.

"I was surprised. It will allow the council to move on and get that fifth person who can participate and help," Stimac said.

Councilman Scott Levan said the council was prepared to defend the payoff in court.

"I'm thankful to Tony that he took the action. He didn't have to do what he did, but he did it in the interests of the community," Levan said.

Councilman George Wallace said he is glad the council will be back at full strength.

"I wanted to see Mr. Stassi leave the City Council because he was a good man for the job," Wallace said.

This is America, and you are innocent until proven guilty, but he was incarcerated and unable to serve," Wallace said.

Wallace said he signed out of a local hospital twice when Smith also was hospitalized.

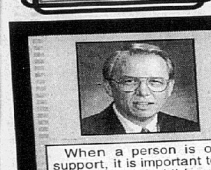
Wallace said the council would have just so the council would have its minimum three-member quorum.

The payoff deal was approved by the three remaining council members while Smith was absent, but the mayor later objected to the deal.

Stassi was arrested in November 1996 by Alton police and charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault. He allegedly raped a 19-year-old woman at gunpoint in May He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Stassi was arrested again last June and accused of assaulting a 17-year-old woman who came to his house to clean it for him.

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In one recent case, the non-custodial parent lost his job. He had been ordered to pay \$400.00 per month. However, he did not return to court to modify the child support obligation. For the next few years, while he wandered from one small-paying job to another, he chose to pay nothing to his former spouse, assuming that the child support was abated during the period of unemployment. The ex-wife returned to court several years later and he faced an arrearage in excess of \$15,000.00.

In another recent case, at the time of the divorce the mother was awarded custody of the two children, and the father was ordered to pay \$600.00 per month in child support. Approximately three years after the divorce, the father decided to live with the mother. This was done informally without benefit of a court order. The father assumed that he could cut his child support payments in half based on the fact that one of the children now lived with him. However, he never returned to court with a petition to modify child support. Many years later, the mother went back to court seeking an arrearage in excess of \$17,000.00. The judge ruled that the father should not have taken it upon himself to cut the child support payments in half.

The lesson to be learned from these examples is that the parent ordered to pay support should return to court to seek a modification or abatement of child support. People who take it upon themselves to modify a child support obligation may "wake up" several years later and face a substantial child support arrearage.

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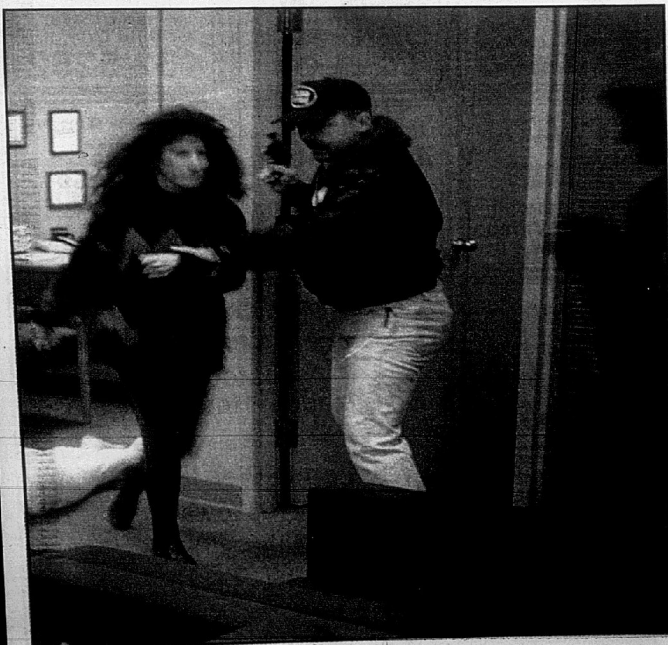
Police stage stickup  
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Two people were killed in what police called an "extremely violent" robbery at the Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union at 3970 Maryville Road. Barb Poznanovich and Cindy Schubert, both of Granite City, were shot to death by the same robber. Poznanovich, a member service representative, was killed inside the bank's vault, where the robber had taken her during the holdup. Schubert, a collections manager, was killed when the robber ran out of the vault. The hold-up occurred at about 5:40 p.m. Jan. 20, when three men armed with a handgun, sawed-off shotgun and an assault rifle burst into the bank and started firing into the ceiling. They were apparently joined by a fourth robber who was already inside posing as a customer. It was the fourth robber who allegedly killed both women. He had taken Poznanovich into the vault where he shot her. However, he was abandoned by the other three thieves, who fled after cleaning out several registers.

Bank employees had locked the doors and were calming everybody down when Schubert apparently realized an employee was missing — went to the vault. As she was entering the vault, the fourth robber came out, shot her in the head at point-blank range, then attempted to

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Story, photos  
by Scott Cousins



Granite City police officers staged a bank robbery as part of a training program for employees of Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union. Clockwise from top: Two "robbers" check out customers' jewelry after clearing out several cash drawers...A shotgun shell left as part of the "evidence"... While non-participating employees watch, one of the "robbers" bursts into the credit union ... Public Relations Officer Michael Sparks talks to observers and participants in a critique of the simulation ... One of the "robbers" forces employee Barb Poznanovich to go to the vault, where she was later "shot and killed."





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Jed Deets, St. Clair County regional superintendent of education, said the success of the test will depend on how the results are interpreted.

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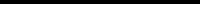
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